

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process and Schedule

NEPA requires federal agencies to consider the impacts of their Proposed Actions on the human environment prior to making any decision on action implementation.

For major federal action potentially significantly affecting the quality of the human environment, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) must be prepared

- Preparation of an EIS is a multi-step process
- *Public participation is an essential part of NEPA!*

The EIS includes the following information:

- Purpose of and need for the **Proposed Action**
- Description of the Proposed Action (i.e., Preferred Alternative) and No Action Alternative
- Existing **environmental conditions**
- **Impact analysis** for each alternative
- **Mitigation measures** to reduce or avoid adverse effects

